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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

**FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

MARIA BRACCO, an individual,

Plaintiff,

vs.

FINDLAY AUTOMOTIVE OF NEVADA,  
LLC dba FINDLAY TOYOTA, a Nevada  
corporation; and DOES 1-50, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:17-cv-01222-APG-VCF

**STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER  
GOVERNING THE  
CONFIDENTIALITY OF  
INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS**

Defendant Findlay Automotive of Nevada, LLC dba Findlay Toyota (“Defendant”) and Plaintiff Maria Bracco (“Plaintiff”) (collectively referred to as “Parties”), by and through their respective counsel of record, hereby request the Court enter the following Stipulated Protective Order Governing the Confidentiality of Information and Documents. This Stipulation is brought pursuant to and in compliance with Local Rule 7-1.

Plaintiff is expected to request confidential, non-public information and documents from Defendant, including but not limited to, sales reports, information that may contain customer information, including customer names, addresses, and financial information, non-public business records, personnel files, and other information and documents regarding certain individuals,

1 including employees who are not, and are not expected to be, parties to this matter. Plaintiff may  
2 also request documents related to Defendant's business operations. Defendant considers this  
3 information and these documents to be private and confidential. In addition, Defendant may  
4 request confidential, non-public information and documents from Plaintiff, including financial  
5 records, and other information and documents regarding certain individuals, who are not, and are  
6 not expected to be, individual parties to this action.  
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8 Discovery in this case will require the production of documents, inspection of tangible  
9 things, the answering of Interrogatories and Requests to Admit, and the taking of oral and/or  
10 written depositions, during which the aforementioned proprietary, trade secret, financial, medical,  
11 confidential and/or private information and documents of the Parties will be exchanged and  
12 disclosed. To expedite the flow of discovery, facilitate the prompt resolution of disputes over  
13 confidentiality, and to protect adequately material entitled to be kept confidential, the Parties agree  
14 to limit the disclosure and use of proprietary, confidential, and private information and documents  
15 as stipulated, pursuant to this Stipulated Protective Order on the following terms:

16 **I. DEFINITIONS**

17 The following definitions shall apply to this Stipulated Protective Order:

- 18 A. The "Action" shall refer to in the instant litigation originally filed in the United  
19 States District Court for the District of Columbia, and transferred to the United  
20 States District Court for the District of Nevada, Case No. 2:17-cv-01222-APG-  
21 VCF, and any appeal thereof through final determination.  
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23 B. "Producing Party" shall mean any person or entity producing documents,  
24 information or other materials in the Action, including any Party to the Action or  
25 any third parties.  
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27 C. "Party" shall mean the Plaintiff and Defendant in this Action, and any other person  
28 that may become a named Party to the Action.

- 1 D. “Confidential” information shall be defined as such documents, deposition  
2 testimony or other information disclosed during discovery in the Action which the  
3 Producing Party or another Party reasonably and in good faith contends contains  
4 information that should be protected from disclosure pursuant to this Stipulated  
5 Protective Order. Any Party may designate any information or documents as  
6 Confidential in the reasonable exercise of such Party’s sole discretion; provided,  
7 however, by agreeing to this Stipulated Protective Order, no Party waives the right  
8 to challenge any other Party’s designation of any information or document as  
9 Confidential.  
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11 E. “Legend” as used herein shall mean a stamp or similar insignia stating Confidential.  
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13 F. When reference is made in this Stipulated Protective Order to any document or  
14 Party, the singular shall include the plural, and plural shall include the singular.  
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16 G. “Attorneys’ Eyes Only” shall mean only to be reviewed by counsel of record.

17 **II. DESIGNATION OF INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS**

- 18 A. When any document or things produced under this Stipulated Protective Order are  
19 designated Confidential, a Legend shall be affixed to the first page and all pages  
20 containing information for which the Producing Party seeks protection. When  
21 information produced in answer to an Interrogatory, or response to a Request for  
22 Production or Request for Admission is designated as Confidential, the response or  
23 answer shall be preceded with the appropriate designation.  
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25 B. Some documents being produced by both Plaintiff and Defendants may contain  
26 social security numbers. Without need of any designation, social security numbers  
27 will be deemed to be Confidential. In the event a document is produced without the  
28 redaction of a social security number, any Party seeking to use the document will

1 make every effort to redact the social security number before its use in a deposition,  
2 court proceeding or court filing.

- 3 C. The initial failure to designate information or documents as Confidential in  
4 accordance with this Stipulated Protective Order shall not preclude the Producing  
5 Party from, at a later date, designating any information or documents as  
6 Confidential. The Producing Party may, by written notice to counsel of record for  
7 the receiving Party, designate previously produced information or documents as  
8 Confidential, which it had inadvertently failed to designate. Upon receipt of such  
9 notice, the receiving Party shall promptly mark its copies of the information or  
10 documents so designated, and shall, thereafter, treat the information and documents  
11 as if it had been designated Confidential and shall restrict the disclosure or use of  
12 the information or documents in accordance with this Stipulated Protective Order.  
13 If the information or documents have previously been disclosed to non-parties, the  
14 Parties shall take reasonable steps to obtain all such previously disclosed  
15 information or documents and advise the non-parties to treat the designated  
16 materials in a manner that is consistent with this Stipulated Protective Order and as  
17 though the information and documents were originally so designated.  
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21 **III. LIMITATIONS**

- 22 A. This Stipulated Protective Order shall govern only documents, information and  
23 materials generated or produced in response to any method of discovery conducted  
24 by any Party to the Action, and used in the prosecution and defense of the Action.  
25 B. Persons obtaining access to Confidential information under this Stipulated  
26 Protective Order shall use the information only for the preparation of and the trial in  
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the Action. Persons shall not use such information for any other purpose, including business, commercial, personal, administrative or judicial proceedings.

- C. Nothing contained in this Stipulated Protective Order shall require any Party to treat as Confidential documents or information lawfully obtained by means other than through discovery in the Action and under circumstances that would lead a reasonable person to conclude that the documents or information were not intended to be kept confidential by the recipient; provided, however, that nothing in this Stipulated Protective Order shall authorize any use of documents or information which is otherwise impermissible.

#### IV. PERMISSIBLE DISCLOSURES/ACCESS

Except as set forth herein, Confidential information, and any facts or information contained therein or derived therefrom, shall be disclosed only to the Court on the condition that the Court enters an order similar to this Stipulated Protective Order and/or to: (a) the Parties in the Action, including their agents, officers, directors and employees, but only to the extent that such disclosure is necessary for the conduct of litigation in the Action; (b) outside counsel for the Parties hereto and their agents, employees, paralegals, or other secretarial and clerical employees or agents; (c) experts, independent contractors, consultants, or advisors who are employed or retained by, or on behalf of, one or more of the Parties to the Action or their counsel to assist in preparation of the Action for trial; (d) deponents and their counsel who have a need to review this material during the course of, or in connection with, depositions taken in or for the Action; (e) stenographic reporters who are involved in depositions, the trial or any hearings or proceedings before the Court in the Action; (f) people who have previously received or created the document; and (g) witnesses in the Action who need to review this material in connection with their testimony in the Action. Confidential information may be disclosed to persons listed in this paragraph only after such

1 person has been shown a copy of this Stipulated Protective Order and agrees to be bound by the  
2 terms of this Stipulated Protective Order in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. In the event an  
3 authorized person does not execute **Exhibit A** expressly agreeing to be bound by this Stipulated  
4 Protective Order, the Parties and the Court will nevertheless deem the authorized person to be so  
5 bound.

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7 **V. DECLASSIFICATION**

8 Unless and until otherwise ordered by the Court, or otherwise agreed by the Parties, all  
9 documents and other discovery materials designated Confidential or Attorneys' Eyes Only shall be  
10 treated as such under this Stipulated Protective Order. In the event that any Party objects to the  
11 designation of any document, the objecting Party may seek modification of the designation or the  
12 disclosure of the redacted information in accordance with the following procedure:

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14 A. At any time, the receiving Party of any document or information designated  
15 Confidential may notify the Producing Party, in writing, that the receiving Party  
16 does not concur in the designation or redaction. The Parties shall attempt to resolve  
17 such challenges informally. In the event that such attempts are not successful, the  
18 receiving Party may file a motion seeking to remove the designation as  
19 Confidential, and the Court shall make an independent determination as to whether  
20 or not any given document or information is Confidential and/or properly redacted  
21 based upon facts then existing, and in so doing, the Court shall not be bound by any  
22 Party's designation; provided, however, that such documents or discovery material  
23 shall be deemed Confidential unless and until the Court rules otherwise. The Party  
24 or entity making the designation must show that there is good cause for the  
25 document or information to have such protection.  
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- 1 B. In the event that any Party files a motion to remove a designation or redaction of  
2 information, the document or information shall be submitted to the Court for *in*  
3 *camera* inspection.

4 **VI. DESIGNATED INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS IN DEPOSITIONS**

- 5 A. In the case where Confidential information or documents are used or revealed  
6 during a deposition, designation of the transcript or any portion thereof, including  
7 the designated documents or other exhibits, as Confidential, may be made by a  
8 statement by a Party, counsel or the witness on the record, so that the stenographer  
9 transcribing the deposition can affix a Legend to the cover page and all appropriate  
10 pages of the transcript and to each copy thereof for dissemination to counsel and in  
11 compliance with this Stipulated Protective Order.  
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13 B. A Party or a witness may designate a deposition or trial transcript, or a portion  
14 thereof, disclosing, containing or referring to any Confidential information or  
15 documents as “Confidential” by informing counsel for all other Parties to this  
16 Action in writing within thirty (30) days after receipt of the transcript as to the  
17 specific pages and lines deemed Confidential, and thereafter such pages and lines  
18 shall constitute Confidential information or documents pursuant to this Stipulated  
19 Protective Order. Upon receipt of such notice, any Party in possession of copies of  
20 the transcript with the designated pages and lines shall affix the appropriate Legend  
21 thereto. During the 30-day interval following receipt of a transcript, the transcript  
22 shall be treated as Confidential.  
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25 **VII. DESIGNATED INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS IN BRIEFS**

- 26 In the event that any Confidential document or information, or information derived  
27 therefrom is included with, or the contents thereof are disclosed in any documents filed with the  
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1 Clerk of this Court or any other court, including, without limitation, any pleadings, motion papers,  
2 briefs or deposition transcripts, such documents shall be filed under seal subject to the provisions  
3 of LR IA 10-5.

4 **VIII. DESIGNATED INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS IN THE RECORD**

5 Confidential information or documents may be offered in evidence at any hearing or the  
6 trial in the Action, provided that the Parties have met, conferred and agreed in advance of the  
7 hearing and/or trial as to how the information or documents will be used, including, by way of  
8 example, requesting that the Court designate that portion of the transcript containing the Parties'  
9 discussion of the Confidential information or documents as Confidential and maintain it under seal,  
10 only to be produced to the Parties' at their request. If the Parties cannot agree about how the  
11 information or documents will be used during a hearing, before or at the time of the hearing, the  
12 Party designating such Confidential status may move the Court for an order that the evidence be  
13 received *in camera* or under other conditions to prevent unnecessary disclosure. If such a motion  
14 is made regarding evidence to be introduced at the time of trial, then the Party designating such  
15 Confidential status shall notify opposing counsel and the Court of its intent to make the motion  
16 sufficiently in advance of and outside the presence of the jury so that counsel has the opportunity  
17 to object to the evidence and/or an opportunity to seek appropriate protection from the Court  
18 outside the presence of the jury and before the information or documents are offered into evidence  
19 in open court. The Court will then determine whether the proffered evidence should continue to be  
20 treated as Confidential and, if so, what protection, if any, may be afforded to such information at  
21 the hearing.

22 **IX. SUBPOENA BY COURT OR OTHER AGENCIES**

23 If at any time any document or information protected by this Stipulated Protective Order is  
24 subpoenaed by any court, administrative or legislative body, or is requested by any other person or  
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entity purporting to have authority to require the production of such information, the Party to whom the subpoena or other request is directed shall immediately give written notice thereof to any Party which has designated such information Confidential. The Party that received the subpoena shall object to production under Rule 45 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, or any similar rule protecting the production of Confidential documents in that proceeding. After receipt of the notice specified under this paragraph, the designating Party shall be responsible for obtaining any order it believes necessary to prevent disclosure of documents designated, and the Party to whom the referenced subpoena or other request is directed shall produce such document or information only upon an order issued by a judge of a court of competent jurisdiction requiring such production.

**X. CLIENT CONSULTATION**

Nothing in this Stipulated Protective Order shall prevent or otherwise restrict counsel from rendering advice to their clients and, in the course thereof, relying generally on examination of stamped Confidential information or documents; provided, however, that in rendering such advice and otherwise communicating with such clients, counsel shall not make specific disclosure of any items so designated except pursuant to the procedures in Paragraph IV above.

**XI. COPIES OF DESIGNATED INFORMATION**

The attorneys of record are responsible for employing reasonable measures, consistent with this Stipulated Protective Order, to control duplication of, access to, and distribution of copies of Confidential information. Parties shall not duplicate Confidential information or documents except working copies and for filing in Court under seal. All copies of any Confidential information or documents shall be treated as provided in this Stipulated Protective Order. Any Party making, or causing to be made, copies of any such documents shall make certain that each such copy bears the appropriate Legend pursuant to the requirements of this Stipulated Protective Order.

**XII. NO WAIVER**

- A. No Confidential information or documents shall lose such status under this Stipulated Protective Order as the result of the use of such information or documents in any hearing, trial, or other court proceeding in this Action, provided that such use is consistent with the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order. Counsel to the Parties in the Action shall confer at least five (5) days before any such hearing, trial, or other court proceeding in order to work out any objections to the use of any Confidential information or documents in such court proceeding and to make such amendments to this Stipulated Protective Order which the Parties agree are necessary to assure the continued confidentiality of such information.
- B. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, all objections as to admissibility in evidence of the discovery material subject to this Stipulated Protective Order are reserved and are not waived by any terms of this Stipulated Protective Order. The use of Confidential information and documents as evidence at trial shall be subject to this Stipulated Protective Order unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties or modified by the Court.
- C. The inadvertent disclosure of Confidential information and documents shall not, under any circumstances, be deemed a waiver, in whole or in part, of any Party's claims of confidentiality.
- D. The inadvertent production of any document or other information during discovery in the Action shall be without prejudice to any claim that such material is privileged, prohibited or protected from disclosure as privileged or work product, and no Party shall be held to have waived any rights by reason of such inadvertent production.

1 **XIII. NON-TERMINATION**

2 The termination of proceedings in the Action shall not relieve the Parties from the  
3 obligation of maintaining the confidentiality of all information and documents produced and  
4 designated pursuant to this Stipulated Protective Order, unless the Parties otherwise agree or the  
5 Court orders or permits otherwise. Upon the final disposition of the Action, all information and  
6 documents, including any summaries or abstracts of materials, however maintained, shall be kept  
7 completely confidential. Counsel for either Party may use the Confidential information and  
8 documents only for the purpose of defending ethical charges or professional malpractice charges,  
9 and may not use Confidential information or documents in any subsequent lawsuit.

10 **XIV. INADVERTENT PRODUCTION OF PRIVILEGED MATERIALS**

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- 12 A. The inadvertent production of information that is subject to a claim of any privilege  
13 or other protection as trial-preparation material shall not constitute a waiver of any  
14 privilege or protection, provided that – consistent with the provisions of Fed. R.  
15 Civ. P. 26(b)(5) – the Producing Party notifies the receiving Party in writing of the  
16 inadvertent production as soon as practicable following the Producing Party’s  
17 discovery of the inadvertent production.
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- 19 B. Following the Producing Party’s written notice of the inadvertent production, the  
20 receiving Party shall promptly return, destroy, or delete from its databases all copies  
21 of the specified information and shall make reasonable efforts to retrieve the  
22 information if the receiving Party previously provided the information to third  
23 parties.
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- 25 C. The receiving Party shall not assert a claim or argument in this or any other court or  
26 legal proceeding that the Producing Party’s act of inadvertently producing the  
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information constituted a waiver of the Producing Party's privilege or other protection over the information.

D. If there is a disagreement as to whether the specified information is privileged or subject to protection, the receiving Party may present the information under seal to the Court for a determination.

E. Until the Court makes a determination of the privileged or protected status of the information, the receiving Party shall not use in any way (including, but not limited to, using the information in depositions or at trial) nor disclose the information to other Parties.

IT IS SO STIPULATED.

DATED this 20th day of November, 2017.

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**ORDER**

IT IS SO ORDERED.

  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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# Exhibit A

## UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEMENT REGARDING CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION

**EXHIBIT A**

**UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEMENT REGARDING  
CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION**

I hereby state that I have read and received a copy of the Stipulated Protective Order Governing the Confidentiality of Documents and Information (the “Order”) in *Maria Bracco vs. Findlay Automotive of Nevada, LLC dba Findlay Toyota*, Case No. 2:17-cv-01222-APG-VCF, which case is currently pending in the United States District Court for the District of Nevada (the “Court”). I understand the terms of the Order, agree to be bound by those terms, and consent to the jurisdiction of the Court with respect to enforcement of the Order.

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Signature

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Printed Name:

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